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BIDEN AND XI AGREE TO BE A PHONE CALL AWAY IF THERE ARE CONCERNS

In their first face-to-face meet in a year, US Prez Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping agreed to call each other to deal with concerns

MILITARY-TO-MILITARY COMMUNICATION BACK

Both sides agreed to resume military-to-military communications, which until 2020 had been used to improve safety in the air and on the sea. China had severed military-to-military communications last year after then US House speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan. At the meet, Xi pitched for reducing tensions on Taiwan and easing crippling US sanctions

DICTATOR JIBE AGAINST CHINESE STRONGMAN

- The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco. Biden said he believes China will not interfere in the upcoming Presidential elections in Taiwan
- "Well, look, he is (a dictator)," Biden said later. "He's a dictator in the sense that he is a guy who runs a communist country," he said P12

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AGREEMENTS SIGNED TO REDUCE RISKS OF SHIPS, AIRCRAFT IN THE PACIFIC

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GREEN LIGHT

UGC to offer 1-yr PG programme, freedom to pick subject of choice

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

ONE-year master's programme, flexibility for students to switch from one discipline to another, and the freedom to choose alternative modes of learning from offline, online, and hybrid options are some of the key features of the draft post-graduate curriculum and credit framework approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in its November 3 meeting.

"This framework allows students to do their master's in any stream they choose as a major or minor in their undergraduate programme," UGC chairman Prof M Jagadesh Kumar told this newspaper. "In addition, they can also pursue a master's degree in a discipline unconnected with their UG specialisations, provided the student demonstrates competence by qualifying in an entrance test like CUET-PG," he added.

For the first time, UGC will offer a one-year PG course. The existing two-year PG programme will have an exit option after one year; students who opt to exit will get a PG diploma.

The draft framework enables students who have completed a four-year UG, three-year UG plus two-year PG, or a five-year integrated programme in STEM subjects to enrol for ME and M Tech in allied areas, Kumar said. "This multidisciplinary education fosters a well-rounded understanding of the world and encourages critical thinking and problem-solving skills," he added.

As per the draft policy, undergraduate students can opt for a double major or opt for any of the two subjects they have majored in. It also allows students who qualify UG with a major and minor(s) to opt for either a major or minor(s) subject in the master's programme.

As per the draft policy, higher education institutes will have the flexibility to have different designs of master's programmes – one-year, two-year, and an integrated five-year course.

Guv returns pending bills, TN govt calls special session to readopt them

Ravi acts after SC flags serious concern; guv "shall not withhold assent" if bills passed for 2nd time

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

MINUTES after news emerged on Thursday that Governor RN Ravi has returned a set of bills that were pending with him for his assent to the Tamil Nadu Assembly, Speaker M Appavu said a special session of the Assembly has been convened on Saturday (November 18) to readopt the bills. As per the Constitution, when the Assembly passes a bill for the second time, the governor "shall not withhold his assent".

Sources said the Tamil Nadu Assembly may pass the bills without any change for the second time at the special session.

The development comes days after the Supreme Court expressed "serious concern" over inordinate delay by the governor in giving assent to the bills passed by the state legislature. A three-judge bench headed by the Chief Justice of India, D Y Chandrachud, made the observation while hearing a petition filed by the TN government asking the top court to fix a timeline for the governor to decide on bills.

Raj Bhavan and state law department sources are silent on the number of bills returned and whether the governor has made any recommendation regarding the bills for the reconsideration of the Tamil Nadu House.

As per the petition filed by the Tamil Nadu government before the Supreme Court, 12 bills were pending with Governor RN Ravi for his assent.

Of them, eight bills pertain to powers of the state government in appointing vice-chancellors to various state universities, two bills are on Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act and inclusion of finance secretary as a member in the syndicate of all universities (except University of Madras, Mother Teresa Women's University and Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University) and the other two are bills passed by the previous AIADMK regime. Sources said the governor may have reserved two bills for the consideration of the President and sent 10 bills back to the Assembly for reconsideration.

Assembly session on November 18, no clarity on bills

As per the petition filed by TN before the Supreme Court, 12 bills were pending with Governor RN Ravi for his assent. Eight of them pertain to powers of the state to appoint V-Cs to universities. Sources said the governor may have reserved two bills for consideration of President

A video grab of a jack and push earth auger machine inserting a steel pipe into the rubble of the under-construction tunnel | EXPRESS

Pipe insertion into tunnel rubble on, new drill machine raises hopes

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

A heavy-duty drilling machine flown in by the IAF is functioning well at the cave in site of an under-construction tunnel in Uttarkashi where 40 labourers have been stranded on the other side of the rubble since Sunday.

Uttarkashi Superintendent of Police Arpan Yaduvanshi told this newspaper that two steel pipes — each 6 metres long — have been inserted into the debris to rescue the labourers. That insertion took seven hours.

A third pipe has now been welded to the second one and is being pushed in through the US-made jack and push earth auger machine. More than 12 metres of the pipe has been inserted so far. "Drilling is going on continuously," the Uttarkashi SP said.

The length of the debris heap was earlier estimated at 30 metres. It could actually be double that figure. Col Deepak Patil, in charge of the relief and rescue mission, said: "The trapped labourers are estimated to be 60 metres away from where drilling started. When our Plan A with an old auger machine failed, we went for Plan B, which was using the US-made auger. Plan C is also ready," he said.

Once the pipe reaches the other side where the labourers are trapped, it will be illuminated inside with an LED rope light.

The NDRF rehearsed evacuation drills and modified their stretchers into movable trolleys using used vehicles bearings, two stretchers in tandem.

The collapse happened at the Silkyara side of the tunnel that will terminate at Dandalgaon when the project is fully executed. It's on the Yamunotri National Highway.

The operation is being remotely monitored by tunnel experts through live video to check and understand the trend and behaviour of the rocks.

"Two persons have been given the responsibility for this work. They are running the video cameras round the clock," said a worker associated with the company.

EXPRESS READ

Govt mulls selling land to revive PRR project

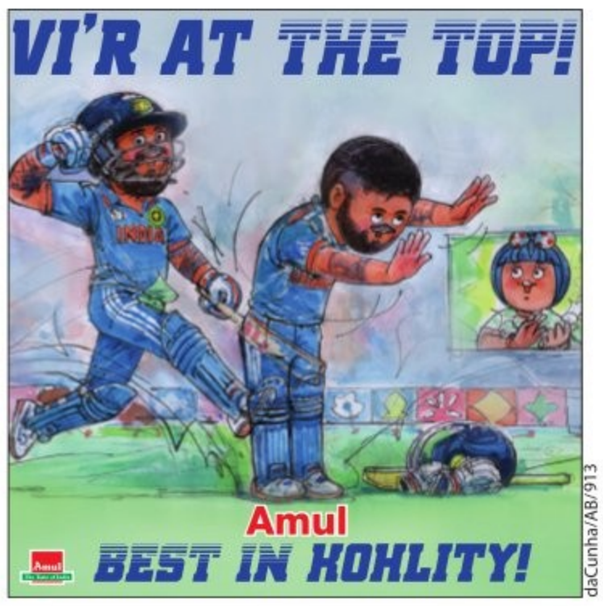
Bengaluru: The state government is considering selling all its lands along the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) to private firms to raise funds for reviving the 16-year-old pending project. The government has started the process of surveying land it owns around the PRR and in the city that can be sold.

India for lawful commerce in int'l waters: Rajnath

New Delhi: India is committed to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in international waters in accordance with global norms, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said at a meeting of 10-nation ASEAN and some of its dialogue partners in Jakarta on Thursday.

Polls in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh today

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh will vote on Friday to decide the electoral fate of 2,533 candidates in 230 assembly seats. Besides, the final phase of polling in Chhattisgarh's 70 assembly segments will be held and the electoral fate of 958 candidates will be decided by ₹1.63 crore voters.



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It's India vs Australia in ODI World Cup final

FIROZ MIRZA @ Kolkata

SO, India play Australia in the final on Sunday. The second ODI World Cup semifinal script, however, had its moments. The overcast evening sky brought drizzle, breeze, and swing in the middle. Eden Gardens was draped in its finery as South Africa took the first step, electing to bat under overcast conditions against pace-laden Australia.

Four wickets in the first powerplay was enough to push South Africa on the backfoot. But the ball was not the only thing that swung; even the fortunes of both the teams. If the ball swung in the first hour, it spun in the later hours. Chasing 213, the contest turned out to be gripping, like Tabraiz Shamsi's leg-breaks, as Aussies walked across the finish line with just three wickets to spare in front of 45,000 strong spectators. The loss, like before, will hurt Temba Bavuma and Co for a long time. However, nothing worked for them as they lost wickets in heaps with only David Miller (101 off 116) and Heinrich Klaasen (47 off 48) managing to play out Aussie quicks and spinners. In the end, the target of 213, coincidentally the same total as set by Australia in the 1999 semifinal, did not prove enough as Australia stormed into their eighth final, where formidable India await in Ahmedabad. P17

Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins celebrate the victory against SA | PTI

A STATE GOVT INITIATIVE

K'TAKA TO HAVE SHEEP & GOAT MEAT OUTLETS ON THE LINES OF KMF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government is planning to sell packaged sheep and goat meat at reasonable prices through its outlets across the state on the lines of Nandini milk products of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

This move, under the Animal Husbandry Department, is expected to generate employment in rural areas.

In a statement, Congress MLC TB Jayachandra, who is also the special representative of the state government in New Delhi, said work on a hi-tech slaughterhouse is nearing completion at Cheelanahalli in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district.

The slaughterhouse, which is being constructed in association with a private agency, is expected to be inaugurated by January, he said. Elaborating on the project, Jayachandra said this initiative is aimed at helping farmers to get good prices for their sheep and goats and providing quality meat to people. Under the project, animals will be purchased directly from farmers. This will help improve their income. The department will strive to create a meat brand like KMF's Nandini.

"We want sheep and goat farmers to get remunerative prices for their animals. We want to strengthen the financial status of these farmers. This entire exercise will generate more jobs in rural areas," he said.

The government also has plans to make products out of sheep and goat skin. "Officials from the department will be sent to Ambur in Tamil Nadu and Kolkata to study leather and other products being made there using sheep and goat skin," he said.

Jayachandra held a meeting of officials on the project at Vidhana Soudha.

Murugha seer released after 14 months in jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

Murugha Mutt pontiff **Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru**, who was arrested in two POCSO cases, was released on Thursday after 14 months in jail.

The High Court of Karnataka granted him bail in one case. Second Additional District and Sessions Court Judge BK Komala on Wednesday issued an order directing the Chitradurga district prison authorities to release Dr Shivamurthy Sharanaru. But he was not released on Wednesday as the court order did not reach the jail officials on time.

The pontiff was received by a large number of devotees outside the district prison on Old Bengaluru Road. He left for Shivayogashrama Virakta Mutt at Davanagere, where he will stay till the completion of the court cases. P5

Yathindra's video kicks up political storm, Oppn bays for CM's blood

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru/Mysuru

A video clip of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son and former Congress MLA Yathindra Siddaramaiah discussing with his father over the phone about "giving only four-five" (presumed to be transfer of government officials) has kicked up a political storm in the state.

Opposition JDS and BJP termed Yathindra a "shadow CM" and slammed the Congress government for rampant corruption in transfers. The video has led to calls from the opposition demanding Siddaramaiah's resignation, despite his refutation. Yathindra has come under criticism after a leaked video clip featured him calling his father CM Siddaramaiah asking him to "consider names given by him".

This has given enough reason for former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy to level corruption charges at Siddaramaiah, insisting that the conversation in the video clip was about "transfer business". The video shows Yathindra mentioning a name "Vivekananda" and instructing in Kannada "only to consider 4-5 names given by him". P4

SPACE DEBRIS REDUCTION

Upper stage of Chandrayaan-3 launcher returns to earth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INDIA on Wednesday sealed its commitment to reducing space debris while aligning with guidelines of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC). The cryogenic upper stage of LVM3 M4, which launched Chandrayaan-3 on July 14, made a pre-planned re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, removing itself from being in orbit as part of space debris around the Earth.

The re-entry event occurred at 14:42 IST on Wednesday and the probable impact point was predicted over the North Pacific Ocean, Isro scientists said, adding that the final ground track did not pass over India.

This part of the rocket was

an integral component of the LVM3 M4 launch vehicle which released the propulsion module that made its way to the Moon before releasing lander Vikram — carrying the rover Pragyaan inside it — which gave India its first lunar touchdown on August 23.

"This rocket body (NORAD id 57321) was part of the vehicle that successfully injected the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft (propulsion module) into the intended (Earth) orbit of 133 km x 35823 km with a 21.3o inclination on July 14, 2023," said Isro in a statement.

Isro said, "The re-entry of the rocket body took place within 124 days of its launch. The post-mission orbital lifetime of the LVM3 M4 Cryogenic upper stage is, thus, fully compliant with the "25-year rule" for LEO (Low Earth Orbit) objects as recommended by IADC."

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Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

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MIN 20°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 6.19 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 9.58 am
Moonset 9.29 pm

Govt mulls selling land for PRR project

Process of surveying land around the proposed route and city has started

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE state government is considering selling all government-owned land along the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) to private firms to raise funds for reviving the 16-year-old pending project.

It involves developing a 74-km eight-lane access-controlled road connecting Tumakuru and Hosur roads via Hessaraghatta Road, Doddaballapur Road, Ballari Road, Hennur Road, Old Madras Road, Hoskote Road and Sarjapur Road.

To make the project a reality, the government has started the process of surveying land it owns around the PRR and in the city that can be sold.

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) had drawn up plans for the PRR in 2007, and the project was approved by the state government in February 2022 for development on the public-private partnership design, build, finance, operate and transfer model (PPP-DBFOT). However, that did not materialise, and the last tender was cancelled in September 2022.

"The status of the project remains the same even after 16 years. The government is still struggling to acquire land under the Right to Fair Compensation Act. The government needs Rs 15,000 crore to acquire 2,680 acres of land. Since NICE Road has been constructed on half the loop, Metro line can also not be constructed. Now to build the road after acquiring lands, money is needed and the government is exploring all options including selling government land to private players," a source privy to the developments about the project said.

He added that all legal propositions are being discussed. "Nobody is keen to invest or set up anything around till the PRR is completed. So the government is thinking of developing or at least earmarking land to be developed as layouts or townships around the PRR. It is being discussed whether these land parcels will be developed and sold to private firms or sold as undeveloped lands is also being discussed," he said.

BDA officials said Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has agreed to fund Rs 6,000 crore for the project. But this cannot be utilised for land acquisition. In 2016, the central government was approached for funding and partnership, but that too did not materialise.

The BDA official said the government is thinking of calling for tenders again next month.

A meeting with government officials will be held once the final solution on funding the project is ascertained.

The official added that PRR is much needed as the existing NICE Road is also chocked, and so is the outer Ring Road. But funding for land acquisition has been a major problem for all successive governments since 2007, leaving sale of lands as the only option.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah unveil the logo of 'Unboxing Bengaluru Habba' on Thursday. Minister Priyank Kharge looks on

BENGALURU HABBA COMES IN A NEW AVATAR IN DEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday unveiled the 'Unboxing Bengaluru Habba' logo for the festival to be held in the city from December 1-11.

The CM said the objective of the habba is not limited to celebration, but to convey what Brand Bengaluru is to the globe and attract people. This will also help boost economy of the state and the city.

Releasing the book 'Unboxing Bengaluru', Siddaramaiah said it would have been better if it was in Kannada. "Even if people from overseas are working in Bengaluru, they should all live as Kannadadigas. The city houses over a 1.5 crore people and has to be developed in a more planned way. Everyone should live in unity and harmony," he said.

Speaking the sidelines of unveiling the logo, the DCM said culture, heritage and environment are the biggest assets of Bengaluru. Bengaluru is a unique place in the country and it is each and everyone's responsibility to protect it. He said Bengaluru has made a name because of its unique weather and the knowledge it houses. The culture of the city, including the Karaga and Kadlekai Parishe, have a unique identity. All this should be preserved and showcased in such a manner that the city becomes a unique tourism destination.

Lauding the efforts of the various organisations and experts for the festival, he pointed out that it was also important to sustain it and ensure there is proper coordination. He promised that all government support will be provided be it from the BBMP or the police.

Civic and cultural experts present at the meeting said this Habba is different from the earlier Bengaluru Habba that was held in 2001- 04, and then died a gradual death. "This festival is a revival of the old one and is happening after 20 years. It will be held annually, showcasing not just Bengaluru's weather and culture, but what the city actually is. This Habba will be a bridge between the old and new Bengaluru. It will be on the lines of Edinburgh festival," said Prashanth Prakash, from Unboxing Bengaluru Foundation, which is organising the festival.

Over 300 programmes will be held during the Habba in 45 different locations. The festival will be held in 12 fields -- tech, literature, design, art, craft, food, culture, music, heritage, theatre, environment and dance -- to name a few.

Docs launch diabetes campaign in schools

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@Bengaluru

WITH the aim of controlling rising prevalence of diabetes among children, doctors in Karnataka are targeting schools to educate them about the causes of the disease and ways of tackling it early.

Dr Manohar Nageshappa, Chairman, Karnataka Research Society for Study of Diabetes in India (KRSSDI), said the change in lifestyle, especially in the pandemic era, has resulted in an increase in diabetic incidence among children. Poor dietary habits and a sedentary lifestyle is a major reason why children are being diagnosed with Type-2 diabetes. Previously, most children were seen suffering from Type-1 diabetes which was genetically transmitted from parents.

Doctors have been organising awareness campaigns since the past two-three months in several schools in Bengaluru and are now extending it to other districts in Karnataka. Under the MadhuMeha Pathshala and MadhuMeha Samvada campaign, they are educating students about Type-2 diabetes. All the students are supposed to fill out forms mentioning diabetes-related questionnaires which are evaluated by the doctors later.

The MadhuMeha Paathshala is an initiative by Dr Sridhar K, General Council Member, KRRSDI, educating children about the health benefits of regular exercise along with providing relevant information.

As November is observed as World Diabetes Awareness Month, doctors also warned that diabetes is a key reason for rising vascular diseases and cautioned that a parallel rise will lead to an increased morbidity and mortality rate in the upcoming years. Hence, they are also taking measures to educate students about the rising burden of other non-communicable diseases.

Dr Manohar also educated students about dealing with failures in schools and seek help from the teachers and parents when required. "All students are capable of becoming lawyers, doctors and actors among other professions. Besides working towards achieving their goals, they must focus on leading a healthy and happy life," he added.

Spl drive on to register new voters

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@Bengaluru

WITH the draft list of voters of 28 assembly constituencies under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ready, people can submit objections till December 9. Special Commissioner of the election R Ramachandran said a special campaign is also being conducted to add new names.

The officer also informed that special registration drives are being organised in all revenue offices and eligible voters can get their names added to the voter list.

Ramachandran said special campaigns will be held on November 18 and 19 and December 2 and 3 for the public to add names. Eligible voters can approach the revenue office in their respective ward and submit the required documents to officials.

EXPRESS READ

1,000 to get trained for tech jobs

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) has partnered with Friends Union for Energising Lives (FUEL), a skill development and educational non-profit organisation, to train 1,000 candidates for job roles spanning new age fields like artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science and cloud architect 2.0. The training will take place under the Chief Minister Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY) and FUEL will select 250 candidates for each of the four programmes. ENS

HEAR US

Members of various private transport unions stage a protest demanding that BJP MP Tejaswi Surya withdraw his remarks on car pooling and whiteboard vehicles, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

IndiGo cancels flight, then flies one leaving behind many pax

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

LACK of co-ordination and misinformation by staff of IndiGo airlines on Thursday morning played havoc with the travel plans of passengers on its flight from Bengaluru to Shivamogga. After alerting flyers of the delayed departure of 6E-7731 by 45 minutes from its scheduled departure of 9.50 am from Terminal 1, the airlines cancelled it citing technical reasons just when flyers were about to board. After public collected their checked-in baggage and some had even left the airport, they received calls and messages 2.5 hours later stating that the flight would operate.

IndiGo is the only airline operating a flight from Kempegowda International Airport to Shivamogga's new Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Airport where commercial operations commenced on August 31. It operates the ATR-72 aircraft which has 78 seats.

Among the passengers put off with the all-round confusion was a four-member team of doctors of Sankara Eye Hospital heading to Shivamogga from different cities to attend multiple meetings. While Dr Kaushik Murali is a Bengalurean, Dr Kajal Bansal had come from Delhi, Dr Bharath Balasubramaniam from Coimbatore and Dr P Janakiraman from Chennai last night just for this morning flight. Instead of reaching Shivamogga as planned by 11.05 am, the group finally reached by 6.15 pm after dashing there by a car.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Dr Murali said, "Around 30 of us were waiting to board the delayed flight at Gate 24, when we received a message stating the flight was grounded and so cancelled. The staffer at the boarding gate told us there was a flight only the next day and we could rebook our tickets or opt for a refund. We were directed to Gate 33 to collect our baggage. This took us nearly an hour. Since we had important meetings and could not wait for the next day, I asked my driver in Marthahalli to rush here and we decided to go by my car to Shivamogga."

Dr Bharath Balasubramaniam, Dr Kaushik Murali, Dr Kajal Bansal and Dr P Janakiraman travelled to Shivamogga from Bengaluru by car

The group had crossed Doddaballapur when they received individual messages and calls by 12.30 pm asking if they were still inside the airport. "We were told the flight would depart again by 12.50 pm and so we could board it. It was impossible for us to catch it. The lack of co-ordination among the staff is shocking," Dr Murali added. Dr Balasubramaniam said, "It was quite a traumatic experience. The larger issue is the security lapse here. Our boarding passes were collected and we were inside the terminal. No one in the airlines seemed to know who was in or out when they were calling us."

The rescheduled flight left KIA at 1.10 pm and finally reached Shivamogga at 2.15 pm, three hours beyond the original arrival time.

A source said, "The flight was delayed and then cancelled. To accommodate the passengers, an alternate aircraft was arranged and the flight was operated. The passengers were served snacks/lunch."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17TH November : To return to one of my favourite questions: is deep space empty? Scientists used to say 'yes'. But for astrologers it has always been full of emotions, feelings, thoughts and the same kind of physical qualities we find here on Earth. The question becomes a lot simpler if we remember that we are actually in deep space, right here, right now!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
As a result of recent social encounters you now seem to be torn between new associations and a quite natural duty to those who are unhappy or confused. With careful juggling, you may be able to satisfy your social desires and fulfil your other commitments.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
We are now in the run-up period to the next major lunar alignment. The significance for you is that pleasant social events are likely to combine with certain intense encounters, even the occasional confrontation, over the next week. Family gatherings could bring surprises - including pleasant ones!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Whatever takes place on the work front now needs to be viewed with a certain amount of caution or even scepticism. You have too much to gain to squander everything for the sake of some personal dispute or other. It will help matters if you understand that partners don't necessarily agree with you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The more sensitive among you may now be aware that children, and interests connected with children, are likely to assume a greater than average place in your thinking over the next few days. Pleasurable events and a change of attitude are on the cards.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Unfortunately, any disagreements or difficul-ties with relatives or colleagues are likely to become even greater over the coming few days. But so, by the same token, are developments which are deeply pleasurable and optimistic. You'll be walking a real tightrope – so, good luck!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have a powerfully curious side to your character. Over the next five days your ability to search out the truth, uncomfortable as it may be, will be at its strongest. Keep on your current track and you'll combine solid success with remarkable ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Sun is a complex planet. Western astrologers emphasise its power over life, but their eastern colleagues point to a harsh, uncom-promising face. This is why you may now feel both optimistic about the future, yet slightly uneasy. It's good to have doubts, because that means you'll be covering all angles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Between now and the end of the year you will be sowing the seeds of a domestic upheaval, possibly even a move of home. Remember this trend as you manage your personal affairs, and see to it that events suit your long-term plans. Also, consider any and all options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
A financial or practical problem is obviously not going to disappear overnight. However, the stars are about to do something very curious, making you believe that such questions have indeed disappeared. But have they really gone? Or will they return in a different form?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You are well used to long-term planetary influences bringing nothing but stress and strain. However, the planets are now adopting a highly favourable pattern which will enable you to deal with major underlying issues in all spheres. In particular, there are some very useful financial trends on the horizon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You've been waiting and wondering, but so much more should now begin to fit into place. What is especially at stake now are professional and worldly ambitions, and your deep desire to achieve immortality by making your unmistakable mark on the wider world.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Is there any way in which you can schedule a holiday, preferably an overseas trip, over the next month or so? At any rate, you will enjoy putting yourself in situations which are adventurous, and which will prompt you to broaden your horizons and widen your experience.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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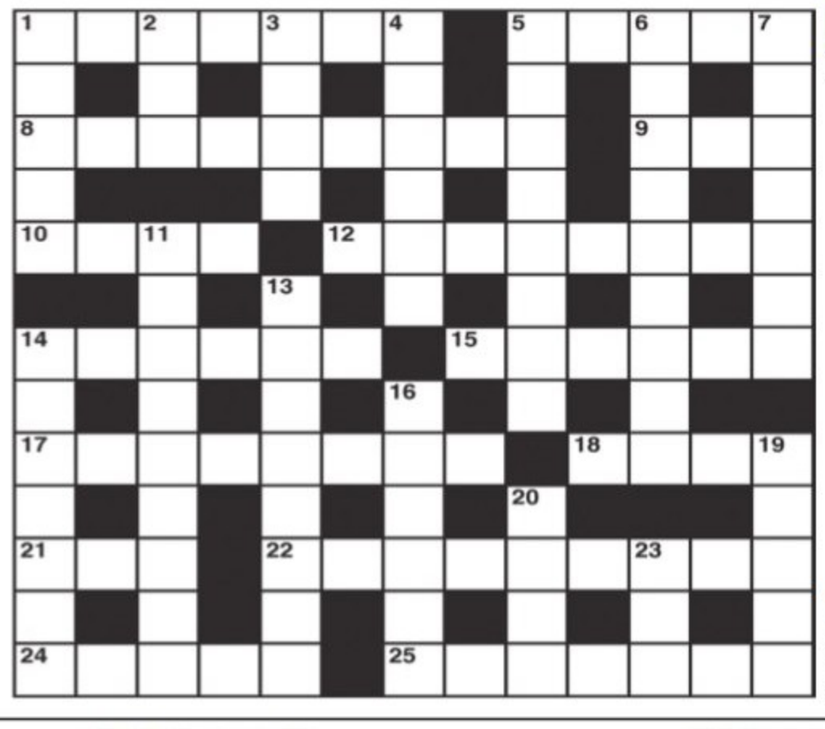

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Snake to stop surfacing (7)
5 They may be raised if he's taking in work (5)
8 Arrangement for viewing (9)
9 It has a strong pull in the port trade (3)
10 Chief part of the monarchy (4)
12 Misgivings about the foreign garments (8)
14 Followed a soundly simple design (6)
15 It may make a sheet of heavy weight on a bed (6)
17 Rife perhaps and it spreads rapidly (8)
18 Not Stevenson's better half (4)
21 Little swimmer that can also do the crawl? (3)
22 Simple departure is without formality (4-5)
24 Suit oneself (5)
25 To break up requires determination (7)

DOWN

1 A first-class letter in Greek (5)
2 One in favour of being paid? (3)
3 A soccer team's turning point (4)
4 Follower or man of the cloth (6)
5 Palmistry manual? (8)
6 Type Latin translation with great composure (9)
7 Nominally commits oneself to work? (5,2)
11 She makes hot claret (9)
13 They're not bound to be distributed (8)
14 A tender for some transferable stock? (7)
16 It enables a writer to get rid of unwanted characters (6)
19 Unusual glee about a good golf score (5)
20 A wise man changes as he grows older (4)
23 Fifty is under forty-nine? Well, no! (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Purchase, 5 Pate, 9 Wrong, 10 Educate, 11 Belligerence, 13 Instal, 14 In fact, 17 Circular tour, 20 Possess, 21 Elite, 22 Erne, 23 Dead heat.

Down: 1 Paws, 2 Rioters, 3 Highly amused, 4 Sledge, 6 Again, 7 Elements, 8 Current trend, 12 Disciple, 15 Abusive, 16 Lassie, 18 Risen, 19 Nest.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ENVOY USHER FRIGHT CRANKY
Answer: What do aardvarks like on their pizza? — "ANT-CHOVIES"

A few trains were cancelled and a few were diverted after a goods train derailed at Vyasanakeri Railway Station in Hosapate taluk of Vijayanagara district on Thursday. Hosapete-Harihara Passenger (06245), Hosapete-Ballari DEMU (07398) and Harihara- Ballari DEMU (07396) were cancelled

BODY SHAMING TAKES VIOLENT TURN IN GYM, YOUTH ATTACKED WITH KNIFE

Victim, accused get into verbal duel after latter makes fun of former's narrow chest while working out; One of three suspects taken into custody

PRAVEEN KUMAR
@Bengaluru

BODY shaming a 25-year-old skinny man inside a gym took a violent turn in Hebbal area. The complainant was attacked by three persons inside the gym, located near Acharya College in RT Nagar.

The main accused, Mohammed Fahad, poked fun at the victim, Y Firoz Ahmed, to which the latter objected, leading to a verbal altercation and even fisticuffs. The accused called his brother and friend and they attacked Firoz Ahmed, a resident of Sunrise Colony in RT Nagar. He filed a complaint later.

The incident took place last Thursday, between 7pm and 8.15pm, at FitGainer Gym and Fitness Centre in Seethappa Layout, RT Nagar.

The three suspects are Mohammed Fahad, his brother Mohammed Faisal and friend Syed Akbar Pasha, all residents of RT Nagar area.

Ahmed started going to the gym two months ago. Fahad is alleged to have been body shaming Ahmed on a regular basis.

Chest workout

On the day of the incident, when Ahmed was working on his chest, Fahad started making fun of his narrow chest. Ahmed, who was fed up with the humiliation, started arguing with the accused when it took an ugly turn.

"It was the complainant who is said to have first hit Fahad. Angered by this, Fahad went home and returned with his brother and friend, and all three rushed into the gym and attacked him with a knife, other deadly weapons and even bike keys. The others who were working out started running helter-skelter, and a few came to Ahmed's rescue. After the accused left the premises, the complainant called his family members and was taken to a nearby private hospital," said an officer who is part of investigations.

"The incident happened inside the gym premises. My other partner was at the gym at the time of the incident. Both Ahmed and Fahad were regulars. Ahmed was attacked with weapons brought from outside. The accused have not used any gym equipment to attack Ahmed," Mastan, one of the owners of the gym, told *The New Indian Express*.

The police have also taken the statements of one of the gym owners who witnessed the incident.

Of the three, one has been taken into custody and a search for the other two is on.

Ahmed did not respond to calls by *The New Indian Express*.

A case of attempt to murder (IPC 307), along with other sections of the Indian Penal Code, were registered against the three suspects.

> **The incident happened inside the gym premises. Both Ahmed and Fahad were regulars. Ahmed was attacked with weapons brought from outside. The accused have not used any gym equipment to attack Ahmed** — BMastan, one of the owners of the gym

Five arrested for damaging vehicles

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FIVE budding criminals, including two habitual offenders who stepped out of prison recently, were arrested by Rajagopal Nagar police for allegedly vandalising 17 vehicles to instil fear among residents and dominate them. Three vehicle owners filed complaints with police.

The accused were identified as Manikanta, alias Kalla Mani, Somashekhar, alias Kulla Soma, Nitin Daniell, Lokesh, and Karthik. Manikanta was involved in a housebreak theft case, and has cases against him in North division. Somashekhar was also involved in a similar offence and has cases registered against him in various police stations.

Police said the accused damaged the vehicles to create fear among residents and gain dominance over the area. The incident was reported in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar near Laggere on November 10, when a group of 8-10 masked miscreants damaged 14 cars, two auto-rickshaws and a Canter, using iron rods and machete.

Police arrested the five accused and are on the lookout for other accused involved in the case. A two-wheeler, a machete, face masks, and two iron rods have been seized by the Rajagopal Nagar police.

People counting the hundi collection at the famous Hasanamba Temple in Hassan on Thursday. The temple is open only for a few days during Deepavali. This year, it was opened on November 2 and closed on November 15. The temple's hundis saw a collection of Rs 2.5 crore. The overall earnings of the temple this year is Rs 8.72 crore | EXPRESS

K'taka HC upholds jail term for youth

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ACCIDENT CASE

THE High Court of Karnataka has upheld the order of the sessions court at Madhugiri in Tumakuru district sentencing a youth to six months' imprisonment for rash and negligent riding resulting in the death of a pedestrian. Justice Venkatesh Naik T passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Hanumantharayappa, a resident of Chinnahalli village of Koratagere taluk, questioning the order of the trial court passed on March 28, 2014. This order was upheld by the sessions court on June 1, 2015.

Questioning it, he approached the high court. Hanumantharayappa was 22 when the accident occurred in 2012. On July 23, 2012, Parameshaiah, who was walking on Koratagere-Uridigere Road at Irakasandra Colony, was hit by a motorcycle ridden by Hanumantharayappa. Rash and negligent riding was the reason for the accident. Parameshaiah, who sustained serious injuries, was rushed to the government hospital at Koratagere. Later, he was shifted to the government hospital in Tumakuru. But the doctors there referred Parameshaiah to NIMHANS in Bengaluru. On the way to NIMHANS, Parameshaiah succumbed to his injuries. The judge upheld the lower court's order expressing concern that the number of road accident cases is increasing because of rash and negligent driving.

Woman in car chased on Sarjapur Rd, hubby shares her ordeal

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RECALLING the horror faced by a woman and her colleagues, the former's husband, a software engineer, has taken to social media to describe how unsafe a few areas of the city are.

The person identified as Srijan R Shetty took it to 'X' and shared the ordeal about his wife and her colleagues being chased by unknown persons in a tempo traveller on Sarjapur Road on November 8. Shetty's wife offered to drop some of her colleagues, including two women, in her car as it was difficult for them to get a cab.

The car was reportedly chased by a group of men for a few kilometres. Mustering courage, the woman drove the car till the main road and managed to inform the police and her other friends while driving.

The car was also reportedly hit by the accused suspecting to be tempo drivers, forcing the woman and her colleagues to get down. The accused fled after seeing the policemen.

Meanwhile, Shetty has also thanked the police for their swift response.

After Shetty posted about the incident on Tuesday and tagged the Bengaluru city police, the city police have asked him to provide the details of the area and his contact details. Shetty has also appreciated his wife for her quick thinking by calling the police and also the family and her friends by sharing the location.

The woman's car is said to have been damaged in the chase. It is suspected that the incident was over an escalated road rage.

CRIME PATROL

49-year-old woman run over by pvt bus

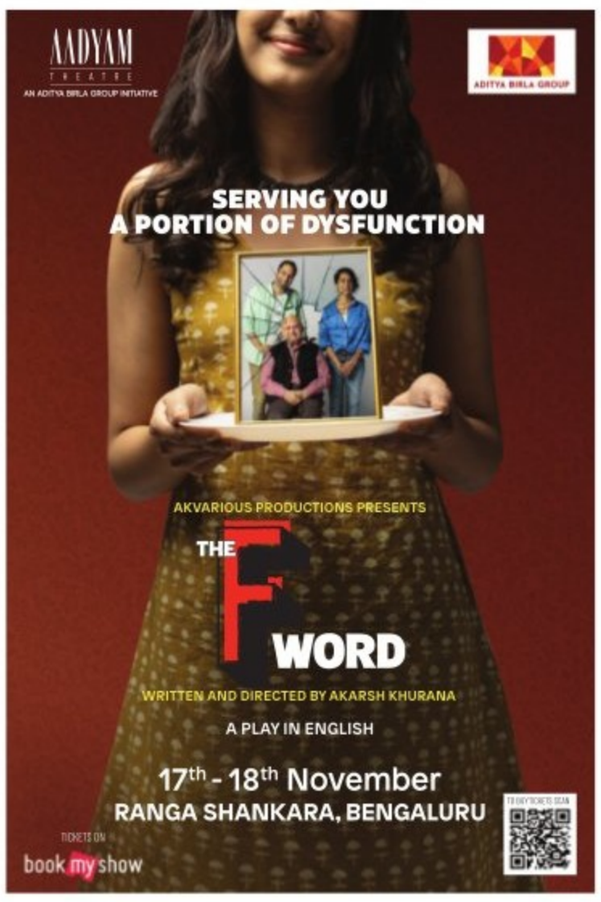
Bengaluru: A 49-year-old woman died after a private bus ran over her in Marathahalli on Thursday morning. The police said the deceased, Selvi, a resident of Weavers' Colony, who was riding pillion with her husband, Jaishankar, 52, was going to her daughter's house in Marathahalli via Bannerghatta main road towards Arakere junction. At 7.30am, a private bus heading in the same direction rammed into the scooter following which Selvi fell on the road. The back wheel of the bus ran over her killing her on the spot while Jaishankar escaped with minor injuries. The Hulimavu traffic police, who have registered a case, arrested the bus driver Kumar, 43, a resident of Basavanapura. **ENS**

Woman stabbed to death over illegal ties

Bengaluru: A 37-year-old man who stabbed another for having an illicit relationship with his wife, was arrested by Tilaknagar police. The incident was reported in BHEL Layout on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased, Tabrez Pasha, 36, was reportedly in an illicit relationship with his cousin, who married Shabeer, the accused. Shabeer tried convincing Pasha to stop talking to his wife but resorted to killing him as the latter continued. Police said Shabeer, a resident of Kengeri, had settled in Dubai for over five years and was working as a driver there. He had come back to the city a year ago. Through his family members, Shabeer learnt about his wife's illicit relationship with her cousin, Pasha. The police added Shabeer tried speaking to Pasha about the same. He also asked his wife to stop talking with Pasha but the two were reportedly in contact. Agitated over the same, Shabeer, with a machete stabbed Pasha to death. Tilaknagar police have registered a case of murder. **ENS**

Fake $3 m: 1 held for kidnapping scrap dealer

Bengaluru: A man has been arrested by the Amruthahalli police in connection with kidnap of a scrap dealer, Bappa. The accused has been identified as Saravana, a resident of Amruthahalli. Saravana was one of the five accused who kidnapped Bappa days after his associate, SK Saleman, a ragpicker, found fake 3 million US Dollars on Nagawara railway track. The incident was reported on November 3 when Saleman found a bag with 23 bundles of currency notes on railway track. Saleman, with the help of a social activist, handed over the notes to City Police Commissioner B Dayananda. Few days after the news came into light Bappa was kidnapped and assaulted by five unknown man. Police are yet to arrest the other accused. **ENS**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Ragi malt for students — Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that the State Government has decided to give ragi malt along with midday meals to students from next month to improve the nutritional values

They include cases concerning ports at Mangaluru, Karwar, Madgaon and Chennai

Cabinet nod for extension of SIT term to probe illegal mining

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THE cabinet on Thursday took a decision to extend the tenure of the Special Investigation Team(SIT) with the Lokayukta up to June 30, 2024, an extension of two years from July 1, 2022, as investigation into illegal mining has come to a standstill, with not even primary investigation being conducted in as many as 171 cases.

There were cases concerning the ports of New Mangaluru, Karwar, Madgaon and Chennai, which were to be investigated. The DIG of the SIT proposed that the government extend the tenure.

"The illegalities in mining of over 50,000 tonnes of ore were given to the CBI to probe, but no progress was made. Hence, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will review it and ensure that investigate is taken up. Investigation with regard to criminal cases was pending for eight years because of a lack of administrative will," said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil.

Briefing the press after the cabinet meeting, he said the cabinet took note that investigation was still pending in 10 criminal cases and no chargesheets were filed to dispose of 59 cases pending in court.

"During our regime (between 2013-2018) we used to have a conflict with the CBI over the issue as I headed the cabinet subcommittee," Patil maintained, when questioned that investigation had moved at snail's pace even during the Congress regime. The cabinet approved the Rs 12.24 crore proposal of the food and civil supplies department to install CCTVs in its 306 warehouses that stock 2.2 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. It also approved the procurement of 80 lakh gunny bags at Rs 76 lakh, in a phased manner, to pack ragi and maize.

Patil said the cabinet expressed deep concern over the Union government not releasing grants against drought relief, even after the central team visited the state. "It is unfortunate that 25 BJP MPs, instead of pressing for release of funds, have embarked on a study trip," he remarked.

The Cabinet approved the tabling of a bill to set up the Gadag-Betageri Trade, Culture and Exhibition Authority in the coming assembly session. The government will implement the project under PPP model on 34.32 acres of land which was under litigation, with traders occupying it since the year 1900 under lease.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge arrive at Vidhana Soudha to attend the Cabinet meeting, on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

OTHER DECISIONS

1. Approval for ₹750 crore to implement and upgrade underground drainage in 17 towns, following NGT guidelines
2. Utilise ₹44 crore surplus funds of Mysuru Development Authority, after implementing 107 development projects
3. Implement works under local area planning of Srirangapatna and Nanjangud taluks
4. Approval for women and child welfare department to procure 4,000 two-wheelers at ₹36 crore
5. Approval for ₹34 crore for drinking water project in Gadag-Betageri city municipal council under Amrit 2.0 scheme
6. Approval for former MLA Shrikant Kulkarni to sell 'G' category residential plots he was given by BDA, following his appeal to consider it a special case before the prescribed time-frame
7. Implement 188 Indira Canteens at ₹154 cr in places excluding BBMP jurisdiction, which cabinet approved for tax exemption

K'taka to go to Centre to up MNREGA mandays

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THE Cabinet sub-committee on drought headed by Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda that met on Thursday decided to remind the Union Government of Karnataka's proposal to increase employment under MNREGA for the state from the present 13,000 crores mandays to 18,000 crores mandays through the state's chief secretary.

Besides, the 100 days of employment should be increased to 150 days annually for an individual as the state is reeling under drought, the minister told reporters adding that the Centre has not responded to the state's proposal submitted in September. "It is not optional as it must be increased as per the Act and we will have to fight it out with the Centre and get it done for the people of the state," Gowda asserted.

He informed that under the crop insurance scheme, Rs 230 crore has to be released to farmers as immediate relief.

The task forces set up under the chairmanship of the MLAs should take up drought relief works on a fast track with the grants deposited in the accounts of the tahsildars' accounts, he said. The Cabinet sub-committee also decided to direct the deputy commissioners to use Rs 783 crore available in their accounts for drought management. "Drinking water situation has improved to some extent. But steps should be taken as the drought situation is expected to prevail in the future. Seed kits have been distributed to grow fodder for cattle and transportation of fodder to neighbouring states has been banned," the minister informed.

"Agricultural census has not been conducted since 2015. So, the data with the Centre is outdated. We have the updated data of farmers. We are convincing the Centre to consider this while calculating the relief. If the Centre does not consider our data, it will be unfair to the state," he said. It was also decided to submit a proposal to seek an additional grant of Rs 800 crore as subsidy for drip irrigation to promote water conservation in sericulture farming, he added.

Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna, Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy and RDPR minister Priyank Kharge also took part in the meeting.

VIDEO EPISODE: HDK DEMANDS SIDDARAMAIAH'S RESIGNATION

CM says he'll retire from politics if Kumaraswamy proves his allegations

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STATE JDS president HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday alleged that the Congress government is doing roll call business. "Cash for posting trade is happening in the government," Kumaraswamy alleged.

The CM's son Yathindra's video proves how shameless a government can be. It reveals the true colours of the so-called socialist, Kumaraswamy alleged. He demanded that Siddaramaiah resign as CM as he does not have any moral right to continue in office.

Taking to social media, Kumaraswamy said both father and son have made the CM's office a place of extortion. This incident proves Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's involvement in "transfer business". The father and son have lowered the state's image and prestige. "If this business is happening openly (as shown in the video), one can imagine the business within the four walls," he alleged. Kumaraswamy said Yathindra's behaviour and attitude indicate he is shadow CM. "Looks like Yathindra is the extortion minister at CM's office" he alleged. Kumaraswamy sought to know who the person on call was. "Is he so influential to speak to the CM over the phone? Earlier, I stated that they are collecting Rs 30 lakh per transfer. But Siddaramaiah had stated that it is not true. Now, I want to know what Siddaramaiah has to say," he said.

Kumaraswamy said every time he makes an allegation, the CM calls it hit-and-run. "People will know the truth. Your son has proved your extortion business at a public event. The man who believes in Ahinda ideology should come clear now," the former CM said.

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YATHINDRA is heard pulling up a certain "Mahadeva", who Kumaraswamy has alleged is Siddaramaiah's Officer on Special Duty R Mahadeva, over forwarding a list other than the one suggested by him, and is heard demanding to know who gave those names in the list.

However, the conversation does not reveal whether it is a transfer list or some beneficiaries under social sector programmes.

But Kumaraswamy alleged it is a transfer list and sought a probe into the episode to find out which transfer list Yathindra was referring to in the conversation (see box for the conversation). He demanded that Siddaramaiah resign as CM.

The BJP posted on 'X': "This shadow CM (Yathindra) is more powerful than CM! The ex-MLA Yathindra gave an order to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that he should do only 'what I have given him' and not more than that." Siddaramaiah refuted the allegations stating that they were discussing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) works and not transfers.

He said he would retire from politics if Kumaraswamy proved his allegations.

Kumaraswamy also sought to know what role Siddaramaiah plays as CM and took a dig at him stating, "What is his (CM's) role? Is it his job to call his son and ask him what to do?"

Hitting back at Kumaraswamy on social media, Siddaramaiah said, "A thief does not trust others, so is the case with Kumaraswamy. Even after I clarified about the telephonic conversation of Yathindra, Kumaraswamy has not stopped spreading lies."

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Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

He said "Vivekananda" mentioned in Yathindra's conversation is a block education officer in Varuna constituency. "This BEO had sent a list to my joint secretary about five government schools at Harohalli in Varuna which need repair works. Yathindra was speaking on this with me," he said.

He shared the documents of the schools which need repairs. He said although he need not give justifications for it, the false news that was being circulated was misleading people, which is why he was forced to do so. "Lies, cheating, breaking the trust are weapons of Kumaraswamy," he said.

Meanwhile defending Yathindra, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said the cash for transfer allegations by BJP and JDS against the former MLA are baseless.

"Yathindra has not taken names of any officer or post or even made any remarks which even remotely indicate a transfer scam. What is wrong if he wants a few good officers transferred to his father's constituency? It is natural for politicians to seek transfer of good officers to their constituencies," he told reporters.

On the appropriateness of Yathindra seeking transfer in his father's constituency, Shivakumar said, "Often, I am unable to spend enough time in my constituency and my brother attends to many requests of people. Many times, we delegate responsibilities to local leaders in the constituency as well. There is nothing wrong with it."

As the chairman of Ashraya committee, Yathindra is well within his powers to address issues related to schools in the constituency, Shivakumar said. Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa said Yathindra was not speaking about transfers. It may be recalled that Yathindra came under fire from the opposition when he participated in a function that mentioned that cookers and iron boxes were distributed to people ahead of the assembly elections.

THE CONVERSATION

Yathindra: *"Hello Appa .... Vivekananda!.....To where?..... No I didn't give that. Give it (the phone) to Mahadeva. I had given only five."*

Then he speaks to Mahadeva.

Yathindra: *Mahadeva, why are you giving something...? ....Who has given that? Nothing but whatever 4-5 I have given, that alone should be done."*

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra (third from left) addresses reporters in Chitradurga on Thursday | EXPRESS

If anyone opposes me, they oppose Modi: K'taka BJP chief Vijayendra

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

NEWLY appointed state BJP chief BY Vijayendra has said that his priority is to win Karnataka for PM Narendra Modi in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Vijayendra downplayed the issue of senior BJP leaders, including BJP general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh, Pralhad Joshi, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, and V Somanna skipping the event in which he took charge as state party chief on Wednesday.

"The first person to wish me was Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. BL Santosh Ji is among the tallest leaders of the party. As far as leaders V Somanna and Basanagouda Patil Yatnal are concerned, I will visit and speak to them," Vijayendra added. "If anyone opposes me, he is opposing Modi," the 47-year-old MLA from Shikaripura added. On BJP leader Arvind Bellad giving the event a miss, he said, "I have spoken to him and he has wished me all success. I have visited so many leaders. I visited Basavraj Bommaiji at his residence. He came to the party office and blessed me even though he underwent a surgery recently. He told me that it is his duty to bless me."

On being compared to Abhimanyu of Mahabharata and that forces opposing him would try to pin him down and harm his political career ahead of the LS polls, Vijayendra said, "Who made me the party president? Was it Yediyurappa? It is PM Modiji, Home Minister Amit Shahji and party president JP Naddaji. My job is to deliver all the 28 seats in Karnataka to Modiji. If anyone opposes me, they oppose Modiji. I am confident that even Somanna and Yatnal and all others will work unitedly for the party. I have tried to reach out to Yatnal. I am confident that seniors in the party and other leaders will talk to them. I will personally go and reach out to them. Things will take time but will settle down."

Vijayendra said he would visit New Delhi on 23, 24, 25 this month and meet Modiji, Shah and Nadda. While there was a talk that he would hold a formal celebration meeting in Bengaluru on November 25 for his supporters, he said nothing has been decided as yet. He also expressed confidence in the BJP performing well in the LS polls. "There is a pro-incumbency wave in favour of Modiji. What does the Congress government have to offer except for some half-baked guarantees. People have realised that they have been let down. What fresh programme has the State Government offered to the state except for blaming the Centre?"

Asked how many seats the BJP would win in Karnataka in the polls, he said with confidence, "Wait and see."

When asked about social media posts alleging that senior leaders skipping Vijayendra's installation ceremony was a sign of resentment, he said, "We will all come together. I am confident."

It is clear that Vijayendra's first big challenge is to take everyone along and quell the "dissent" in the state unit of the party. He said he would tour Karnataka after his return from Delhi.

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BY Vijayendra, Karnataka BJP president

'Kantharaj panel report unscientific'

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@ Chitradurga

DESCRIBING as "unscientific" the caste-based socio-economic census and recommendations of the Kantharaj Commission headed by former chairman of the Backward Classes Commission H Kantharaj, BJP state president BY Vijayendra on Thursday questioned why CM Siddaramaiah had not implemented the report received during his earlier tenure.

On a visit to various mutts in the district, he told the media the report is half-baked and has many flaws. "The report is scripted as per the directives of the CM. The then Congress government spent Rs 150 crore on the Kantharaj report," he said.

Vijayendra alleged that officials have not visited people's doorsteps but have prepared the report sitting in their AC chambers. More importantly, the report was received but not implemented by Siddaramaiah, he said.

On the 2018 Veerashaiva-Lingayat tussle, Vijayendra claimed that Siddaramaiah was trying to create a divide in the community, but had failed, and now the Congress is trying to divide the community through the Kantharaj report.

'Congress leaders involved in transfers'

Vijayendra alleged that the people of Karnataka are watching CM Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra's involvement in frauds involving officials' transfer. After the recent IT raids, there is new proof that the people of Karnataka will teach the Congress a fitting lesson in the 2024 general elections.

10-day winter session at Belagavi from December 4

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@ Belagavi

THE 10-day winter session of the state legislature will commence at 11am on December 4 at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. The Assembly and Council will be in session from December 4 to 15, excluding December 9 and 10 (Saturday and Sunday), according to the Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

"In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 174(1) of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Karnataka has summoned the Karnataka Legislative Assembly to meet at 11 am on Monday, December 4, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, Belagavi," read the invite to the legislators issued by the secretariat.

Meanwhile, the preparations for the session are in full swing at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha and the Belagavi district administration has formed several sub-committees to ensure the smooth conduct of the session.

Most of the hotels and resorts in Belagavi have already been booked and hoteliers have been instructed not to rent the rooms to guests other than those arriving for the session.

The committees formed by the district administration will be in-charge of various facilities at the soudha, including the supply of food, transport, media, printing, etc.

Belagavi Police Commissioner Sidramappa has said that elaborate security arrangements will be in place during the session.

The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday invoked Goondas Act against seven of the 20 farmers who were arrested on November 4 for protesting against the Melma SIPCOT project in Tiruvannamalai district. Out of the 20 farmers, 15 are in Vellore central prison and the remaining are in other prisons

AP SKILL SCAM ACCUSED TURNS APPROVER

Shirish Chandrakant Shah files petition in Spl Court for ACB cases; Was named accused no. 13 in the case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

IN what can be a major development in the alleged multi-crore scam in the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) that took place during the previous government's tenure, one of the accused in the case Shirish Chandrakant Shah has consented to turn approver in the case.

Shah was named accused no. 13 in the case, which was investigated by the Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department based on a complaint by APSSDC chairman Ajay Reddy. He was earlier arrested from Mumbai and served imprisonment for some time, before securing bail.

Shah filed a petition before the Special Court for ACB cases in Vijayawada, seeking permission to turn as an approver, on Wednesday.

The development came to light on Thursday, with the ACB special court serving notices to CID, as well as former chief minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** and others to file their counter in the form of affidavits on the petition filed by Shah.

It may be recalled that Naidu was named accused no. 37 in the case and arrested on September 9. Presently, he is on conditional bail.

Judge BSV Himabindu accepted the petition and directed the counsel representing Shah to produce the latter before the ACB special court on December 5. She also said the hearings on the petition will be heard on the same day, and asked other parties to submit their counters for arguments.

APCID sleuths arrested Shah from Mumbai in December 17, 2021, for his alleged involvement in setting up shell companies to facilitate transfer of money.

Shah is a market operator and was previously arrested by the Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI) for laundering hundreds of crores by floating 212 shell companies. In the remand report, CID officials reported that Shah played a key role in transferring government funds to shell company Skillers Enterprises via Pune-based Design-Tech Systems Pvt Ltd in the year 2015. It was also alleged by the CID that Shah has set up Allied Computers International (ACI), another shell company, which was awarded the contract to supply hardware and software.

The alleged scam pertains to an MoU entered by the state government with German giant Siemens to impart skill development training by establishing six centres of excellence.

T'GANA POLLS

Congress to gild its manifesto with sops galore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

AS indicated by TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy on multiple occasions, the Congress is very likely to announce 1 tola (10 grams) gold along with Rs 1 lakh to all eligible brides in its manifesto set to be released by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday.

The Congress has consulted civil societies, workers, farmers, students, serving and retired employees and the general public to incorporate their demands in its manifesto for the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. The Congress manifesto is expected to be a combination of its six guarantees, Farmers Declaration, SC/ST Declaration, BC Declaration, Minority Declaration and Youth Declaration.

According to sources, the party is likely to promise to replace the Dharani portal with 'Bhumatha', an enhanced technology with options to address the grievances of landowners. The other major promise that is likely to be incorporated in the manifesto is reverting to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) from the CPS, a long-standing demand of the employees.

The Congress is also likely to promise to open more state-run educational institutions including IIITs, a social security scheme for gig workers, crop insurance and the eradication of belt shops. The manifesto may also promise a centralised online portal where citizens can lodge complaints, offer suggestions and file grievances to reach the authorities concerned.

The party has already promised six guarantees such as Mahalakshmi, Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Indlu, Gruha Jyothi, Cheyutha and Yuva Vikasam. It has promised to provide Rs 2,500 to the woman head of the household and LPG cylinder for Rs 500 under Mahalakshmi scheme, Rs 5 lakh cash to construct houses under Indiramma Indlu scheme, free electricity up to 200 units under Gruha Jyothi, Rs 4,000 pension and Rs 10 lakh health insurance under Cheyutha, Rs 15,000 to farmers and Rs 12,000 to tenant farmers under Rythu Bharosa and filling 2 lakh jobs under Yuva Vikasam.

TPCC chief Revanth Reddy at road show in Medchal on Thursday | EXPRESS

Students to get ragi malt from next month

ENS @ Bengaluru

PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that the State Government has decided to give ragi malt along with midday meals to students from next month to improve the nutritional values.

He was speaking to reporters after holding his first review meeting with the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Block Education Officers (BEOs), nodal officers and officials from all districts working in the education department, on Thursday. The minister added that schools have started distributing two eggs which is proving to be beneficial for students' health.

Bangarappa said that 3,000 Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) will be developed in a phased manner in the next three years. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds will be used and the department is also in talks with Azim Premji Foundation for the same. A cost of Rs 600 crore has been identified for the infrastructure of these schools, he added.

Further, he said, "I have personally visited and reviewed one or two districts. Education is one of the largest departments in the state and uses one-third of the resources. By the end of the year, I will finish the review of all the districts."

The minister added that he was glad that representatives from the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDL) were part of the meeting. "We need to accept that the region has been neglected but we will bring it back to the mainstream and also overtake the other regions," he explained.

On the progress of SEP the minister said, "We will try to improve our state syllabus through SEP and make it better than other boards, however, there will be a lot of similarities. Technically we have to follow the same curriculum for science and maths, which cannot be changed. Only in certain subjects, the syllabus will be changed, we have left it to the newly formed commission and once the report is submitted there will be more clarity."

Other issues such as building 7,100 toilets under the MNREGA scheme, 7,311 additional rooms in schools and recruitment of 13,000 teachers have been a positive step to improve the quality of education in the state, Bangarappa said.

Thantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru opens the door of Lord Ayyappa temple's sanctum sanctorum in Sabarimala on Thursday | SHAJI VETTIPPURAM

Mandalam-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season begins in Sabarimala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Pathanamthitta

THE sanctum sanctorum of Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple opened to devotees on Thursday for the annual Mandalam-Makaravilakku festival, starting the two-month-long annual pilgrimage season.

Outgoing temple chief priest K Jayaraman Namboothiri could not open the sanctum sanctorum due to 'pula' (defilement), following the death of his uncle's son. So, Thantri Kandararu Mahesh Mohanaru instead performed that ritual at 5 pm. After that the doors of the Upadevatha temples opened and the sacred fire was transferred to the 'aazhi'. After that the installation of newly selected Sabarimala melsanthi Mahesh P N, Murali P G was installed as the chief priest of Malikappuram Devi temple. The new Melsanthis will hold charge of their respective temples till the eve of the next pilgrimage season.

Meanwhile, a large number of devotees arrived at Pampa on their way to Sabarimala on Wednesday. They started reaching Sannidhananm from Thursday morning. There was heavy rain at the temple town since noon to evening. A long queue of devotees, including children and elderly women, could be seen at the Nadapanthal and Sannidhanam from noon. The temple will be closed on December 27 with Mandala Pooja, and will reopen for the Makaravilakku festival on December 30. The Makaravilakku festival is on January 15. During the last pilgrimage season, as many as 50 lakh devotees visited the temple.

Govt to appoint 'master trainers' to implement KUSUM B

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA government is emphasising on promotion and implementation of solar IP sets among farmers through Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM) B project

In a bid to reduce dependency on conventional power consumption for the irrigation pump sets, Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) on Thursday held a day-long seminar to train and educate the ESCOM officials on the implementation and promotion of KUSUM B Project to boost the solar irrigation pump set adoption among the state's farmers.

Speaking at the occasion, Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary to Department of Energy, said once the workshop is concluded, ESCOM officials can address, suggest, resolve and clarify any doubts surrounding the solar pump sets to farmers nationwide. The Energy Department will also appoint trained 'master trainers' in each district to ensure smooth implementation of the solar pump sets.

Further, he said that solar technology is gaining popularity in rural areas due to easy installation, quick execution, and long durability. This also benefits the governments by reducing the traditional IP sets. Hence, the government is laying special emphasis on the implementation of the KUSUM B scheme. "Earlier, under this scheme, a 30% subsidy was given from the State Government and a 30% subsidy from the Union Government. But in a recent Cabinet decision, the State Government has decided to increase the subsidy to 50% towards the KUSUM B Scheme," he said.

Murugha Mutt pontiff Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru being received by the public after his release from Chitradurga district jail on Thursday

Challakere CMC member gave bond for seer's release

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AT Davanagere, Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru told reporters that he would not react as the matter is sub-judice. His advocates will speak, he said.

The sessions court examined the conditions imposed by the high court and issued the release order. As the order reached the prison late in the evening, he was not released.

Earlier, the police issued a copy of the body warrant to the prison authorities in the second POCSO case.

Clarity sought

The counsel for the pontiff objected to the appeal made by the public prosecutor, who urged the court to convert the body warrant issued in the second case into judicial custody.

On Thursday, the judge postponed the hearing of the plea by the public prosecutor to November 18.

The judge directed the prosecution and the pontiff's advocates to give clarity on some matters related to the second case.

The bond for the release of the pontiff was given by Challakere CMC member KC Nagaraj and one Madhusudhan. The pontiff was arrested in two POCSO cases in September 2022 and lodged in Chitradurga district prison.

K'taka ropes in JSW Infra to develop Keni Port

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Maritime Board issued the Letter of Award (LOA) to JSW Infrastructure to develop Keni Port in Uttara Kannada district at a cost of Rs 4,119 crore.

In a statement issued on Thursday, JSW Infrastructure said it has emerged as the winning bidder for the development of the port on PPP basis. "As per the RFP (request for proposal) document, the estimated cost of the project is Rs 4,119 crore with an initial capacity of 30 MTPA," the company said.

Strategically located between two operational major ports - Mormugao Port in the north and New Mangalore Port in the south - the proposed Keni Port's hinterland is primarily of coal and coke cargo which is being utilised for steel, cement and power plants. "It is also further supported by iron ore, limestone, dolomite handling and export of finished steel products. Rail connectivity to the Keni Port is proposed to be on the southern side and will be connected with the existing Konkan Line to the north of Ankola station. The proposed railway alignment will be developed with a total length of approximately 8 km. The proposed port shall be well-connected with road and rail connectivity," the statement said. The port, which would have modern environment-friendly mechanised facilities for handling of cape-size vessels, is envisaged as an all-weather, greenfield, multi-cargo, direct berthing, deep-water commercial port for handling all types of cargo on the West coast in North Karnataka region to serve industries in the area covering Ballari, Hosapete, Hubballi, Kalaburagi and South Maharashtra.

"To begin with, the capacity of the proposed port shall be 30 MTPA in initial phase with further potential to increase substantially in the long run.

As per the Karnataka Maritime Perspective Plan, Karnataka is currently having a hinterland potential of 44 MTPA of cargo and the same is expected to increase to 117 MTPA by 2035. On comparison of the future demand and the capacity being handled by the present ports, there is a need for a deep draft port to fulfil the cargo handling gap requirement in future. Hence, the concept of alternate port for NMPA has emerged, which aims at the development of the port at Keni," the statement added.

Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD and CEO of JSW Infrastructure, said, "Karnataka is targeting an impressive industrial growth and there has been an increased emphasis on the expansion and growth in maritime infrastructure in the region. Once the concession agreement is signed, we will start working to develop the Keni Port as an integral part of the state's maritime infrastructure and trade gateway. Through the development of this greenfield port, we are partnering Karnataka Government's mission to meet the logistics demand of a rapidly growing state and region's economy. Once developed, the port is expected to crucially address the rising import and export trade momentum of the region."

'Energy sources removed to minimise risks'

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UNDER the guidelines, the defunct satellites and rocket stages in low-Earth orbit reenter the Earth's atmosphere within a quarter-century post the mission.

Explaining the process, scientists said post Chandrayaan-3 injection, the upper stage, which made the re-entry on Wednesday, underwent 'Passivation,' in which all residual propellant and energy sources are removed to minimise risks of accidental explosions, as prescribed by the UN and IADC.

"Passivation and Post-mission disposal of this rocket body in adherence to the internationally accepted guidelines once again reaffirms India's commitment to preserving the long-term sustainability of outer space activities," said the space agency. What has sealed India's commitment to laws and norms to reduce space debris is that the Wednesday's re-entry was the third it achieved after the Radar Imaging Satellite-2 (RISAT-2) mission which re-entered post-mission on October 30, 2022, and Meghatropiques-1 satellite (MT1) on March 7, 2023.

IPS officer errs, HC junks proceedings in S'mogga blast case

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE blunder committed by a senior IPS officer, who was IGP Eastern Range, by entrusting investigation into an explosion at a stone crushing unit in Shivamogga district in 2021 to the CEN Police Station, resulted in quashing of the entire proceedings against three accused, including two from Andhra Pradesh.

The court said the CEN Police Station, under notification issued by the Home department, is not conferred to investigate offences punishable under the Explosives Act and Indian Penal Code, except offences under Sections 420, 409, 468, 467, 471, 498 (A-E) of IPC, where the amount involved is over Rs 25 lakh. Therefore, in the absence of a source of power, the direction issued by the IGP, Eastern Range, handing over investigation to the CEN Police Station is one without authority of law, the high court said.

The court, however, reserved liberty to Shivamogga Rural Police to conduct investigation and submit the final report in accordance with law.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the order recently, while allowing the petition filed by Manjunath Sai and P Prithvinath Sai, owners of Supreme Traders and Prithvi Enterprises, respectively, from Andhra Pradesh, and BV Sudhakar from Shivamogga.

The accused were booked under the provisions of the IPC and Explosives Act and Explosives Substances Act. This was after a few people were killed when a truck carrying explosives to the crusher area exploded near Kallunguru village in Shivamogga Rural Police Station limits in the wee hours on January 22, 2021. The investigation was transferred to CEN Police Station, Shivamogga, following the direction issued by the IGP, Eastern Range, on January 21, 2021. Subsequently, they filed the chargesheet.

Pinarayi slams Cong's wavering stance on Palestine

T'Puram: Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** took a dig at the state and national leadership of Congress for not having a uniform position on Palestine solidarity. The CM's political attack came just days before the Congress' rally to be held in Kozhikode and questions being raised whether the district congress leadership would invite Shashi Tharoor for the function. Speaking at a Palestine solidarity rally organised by the CPM Thiruvananthapuram district committee on Thursday, Pinarayi said that CPM is the only party in the country which organised a Palestine solidarity programme in New Delhi.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Project Director, DUDC, Mysuru, invites Short term Tender On Behalf of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru District, Mysuru in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Procurement Portal in two Cover system using KG-2 Documents from Caterers/Suppliers for Providing Catering Services for INDIRA CANTEENS of ULB limits of mysuru Districts.

Sl No	Name of Work & Indent Number	Amount put to Tender	E.M.D.
1.	Providing Catering Service for Indira Canteens in limits of Hunsuru, Nanjanagudu CMC, K.R Nagara, H.D. Kote, T.Narasipura TMC, of Mysuru District Indent NO: (DMA/2023-24/IND0413) CALL-2	384.71	5.77

Caterers/Suppliers can Download can Submit the tender through through e-Procurement Portal at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** calendar of events and other information are as follows: Pre bid Meeting **Date: 17-11-2023, 3.00 PM.** Last date of tender submission: **24-11-2023, Up to 5.30 PM.** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **27-11-2023, 11.00 AM.** Any changes in the tender schedule will be notified through e-Procurement Portal only. For details contact technical section District Urban Development Cell, Mysuru DC Office new building Bannuru Road Mysuru in working hours on working day and also through e-Procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Project director,
District Urban Development Cell, Mysuru District, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/630/23-24

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-561 203
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-29562046

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPA/TP/CLU/15/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.11.2023

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ' ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ-ಗು)	ಬಿಜಿಎಎಪಿಎ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಹಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್.ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಬಿನ್ ಎನ್.ನಾಗರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಚಿತ್ ಎಂ.ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ	ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ದೊಡ್ಡ ತುಮಕೂರು	97/5	1-34	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ
2.	ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ.ಆರ್.ಮುನಿರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ವಿ.ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ	ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ದೊಡ್ಡ ತುಮಕೂರು	103/4	0-06	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಷರಾ:- ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸ್ವಯಂ ಇಚ್ಛೆಸಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ವಸತಿ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಆಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ'ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು,
ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945600),
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/39/2023 **Date : 15.11.2023**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Recombinant Anti Haemophilic factor VIII for the year 2023-2024 from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Item Name	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/HAEM/RC/2023/017 dtd.15.11.2023	Recombinant Anti Haemophilic factor VIII 250 IU & 500 IU	2
2.	KMSCL/ED/HAEM/RC/2023/018 dtd.15.11.2023	Recombinant Anti Haemophilic factor VIII 1000 IU & 1500 IU	2

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Pre-Tender meeting (online platform)	20.11.2023	11.00 am. onwards
Last date of online uploading of tenders	30.11.2023	Up to 05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	04.12.2023	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT-STAGE II
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION - (Through KPPP portal)

The Executive Engineer (Civil), Kadra has invited tenders (Two Cover System) through e-procurement portal of GoK **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and the particulars are mentioned as follows: **(1)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT884 for **Improvements to Kadra Power House, Dam and other structures.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 29.68 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 59,400/-. (2)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_ INDENT883 for **Arresting leakages through walls at dewatering bay floor and treatment to expansion joints at Kadra PH.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 58.39 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 1,17,000/-. (3)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/DA/WORK_INDENT743 for **Construction of right river training wall of Kadra Dam (Extension)**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 49.91 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 1,00,000/-. (4)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT865 for **Arresting leakages through walls at dewatering bay floor and treatment to expansion joints at Kodasalli PH**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 44.98 Lakhs**. EMD: **Rs. 90,000/-. (5)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT769/Call-2 for **Improvements to Kadra IB**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 90,000/-. (6)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT740/Call-2 for **Improvements to School Buildings of Kadra Colony**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 9.78 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 12,300/-. (7)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT501/Call-2 for **Improvements to L/B & R/B approach roads to Kodasalli Dam.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 25,000/-. (8)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/BR/WORK_INDENT500/Call-2 for **Strengthening of cross drainages and protection walls along Kadra Kodasalli Road**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 25.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-. (9)** No.: KPCL/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT738/Call-2 for **Improvements to water supply system and sewrage system of Kadra Colony**. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 10.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 25,000/-. Eligible Class of Contractors:** KPWD Class III & above for Sl.No. (1) to (4) & KPWD Class IV & above for Sl.No. (5) to (9). Last date and time for reciept of tenders: **24.11.2023 at 17.30 hrs** for Sl.No. (2) & (4),**17.00 hrs** for Sl.No. (3) **22.11.2023, , 16.00 hrs.** for Sl.No. (5), (6) & (9), **20.11.2023, 17.30 hrs** for Sl.No. (7) & **27.10.2023, 16.30 hrs** for Sl.No. (8) **Contract Period (Excluding Monsoon):** 6 months for Sl.No. (1) to (4) & Sl No. (7) and (8) and 3 months for Sl.No. (5), (6), & (9). Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer(Civil), Kadra Division, KPCL, Kadra-581396, Ph.No. 08382-256334.**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate

Asset Recovery Management Branch -II
86, Spencers Towers, IInd Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref: ARM II/ADY/444/6298/13(2)/01 **Dated: 15.11.2023**

To,

1. **M/s Aadhya Concrete Blocks**
(Rep. by its Proprietor Mr.T.J. Nijaguna Gowda) No.# 529, 1st "A" Main, 3rd Block 2nd Stage,Nagarabhavi Bengaluru Karnataka 560072
2. **Mr.T.J. Nijaguna Gowda**
(Proprietor M/s Aadhya Concrete Blocks)
S/o. Mr.T.N.Javarayi Gowda, No. 121, Modilu, 1st "E" Main Road 1st Block Nagarabavi 2nd Stage Bengaluru, Karnataka 560072
3. **Mr. Girish T J,**
S/o. Mr.T.N.Javarayi Gowda, No. 121, Modilu, 1st "E" Main Road 1st Block Nagarabavi 2nd Stage Bengaluru, Karnataka 560072

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Whereas the earlier statutory notice(s) issued to you under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 are hereby withdrawn.

Now, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Asset Recovery Management Branch-II, Bengaluru, Karnataka** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **Mr.T.J. Nijaguna Gowda, S/o. Mr.T.N.Javarayi Gowda**, Proprietor of M/s Aadhya Concrete Blocks (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

That **Mr. Girish T J, S/o. Mr.T.N.Javarayi Gowda** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs.44,503,825.86/-(Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Eighty six only) as on 31.10.2023 with future interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from April 2018(month/year), the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on 31.10.2023 amounts Rs.44,503,825.86/-(Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Eighty six only), the details of which together with future interest are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ installment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on 30/09/2018 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of Rs.44,503,825.86/-(Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Eighty six only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;
(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt;

And under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that **in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor**. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Noncompliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

SCHEDULE – A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount (in Rs.)
1	3194261000031	MSME-OD/OCC	03.09.2014	23500000/-
2	3194773000003	TERM LOAN	04.09.2014	12500000/-
3	3194773000004	TERM LOAN	08.12.2014	6500000/-

SCHEDULE – B
[Details of security assets]

Sl No	Immovable	Name of Title Holder
1.	All that part and parcel of the property bearing site No.47 in Sy No.71, at West of Chord Road,4th Stage, Agrahara Dasarahalli Village, Bangalore now coming under BBMP Ward No.21,Thimmayya Layout, West of Chord Road Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet(Total extend 2400 sq ft) Bounded on: **East by :** Property No.46, **West by :** Property No.48, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Remaining portion of previous Owner's property	Mr. Girish T J, S/o. Mr.T.N. Javarayi Gowda

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Liability with interest as on 31.10.2023 (in Rs.)
1	3194261000031	MSME-OD/OCC	44,503,825.86

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,
AUTHORIZED OFFICER

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Guruprasad K (Borrower) Mr. Ashwathaiah Krishnappa (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005556470	All that the piece and parcel of the vacant Residential flat Bearing No. FF- 103 in the First Floor, New BBMP Khata No. 266/128/124/1/12/5/FF/103, super built up area of 850 Sq. ft. in the Apartment Known as "Padmavathi Pendents", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, and having 225 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' property, the said property presently comes under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, consisting of One Hall, Two Bed Rooms, One kitchen, Bathroom and Toilets with R.C.C. Roofing, vitrified Tiles, Door and windows made of Mathi and jungle Wood, with all other civic amenities like Water, sanitary, electricity, with Lift and Common Power backup generator facilities along with One car parking at stilt floor and other amenities in the schedule 'A' property situated at Jaraganahalli Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru.	Rs. 53,37, 012.16/- (as on November 10, 2023)	Rs. 25,00, 000/- / Rs. 2,50,000/-	December 02, 2023 from 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM	December 13, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
2.	Mrs. E Lakshmi Aravind (Borrower) Mr. E Kishore (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00003708758	The Apartment bearing No.005 on the Ground Floor of the Building to be known as "Akshaya Palms" being constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring Super Built Up Area of 1375 Sq. ft. with 2 Bed Rooms, a kitchen inclusive of proportionate share of common area with 1 Car parking space bearing 01 on the Basement Floor of the building situated in BBMP Ward No.12, Abbigere Ward, Bengaluru. Bounded on the East by: Open to Sky; West by: Flat No 006; North by: Entrance; South by: Open to Sky 2BHK- Residential Flat measuring 1375 Sq. Ft. and UDS of 349.74 Sq. Ft. with One covered car parking space	Rs. 64,35, 740.21/- (as on November 10, 2023)	Rs. 37,50, 000/- / Rs. 3,75,000/-	December 04, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	December 13, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 12, 2023** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications

JUNGLE LODGES AND RESORTS LTD.

(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

49, West Wing, Ground Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No.: 080-4055 4055/45

e-mail: **accounts@junglelodges.com** Website: **www.junglelodges.com**

No.: JLRL/2023-24/SE0004 Date: 06.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited invites for Request for Proposal for Selection of Operator for Operation of Water Sports and Adventure Activities at Selected JLR units.The details of tender documents are available in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The last date for receipt of tender document (through e-Procurement portal) is **06.12.2023,17.00 hours** and EMD amount of **Rs.5,00,000/-.**

For any further clarifications contact 91-8046010000/91-8068948777, Email: support@eprochelpdesk.com.

Sd/- Senior General Manager

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE

G & W.C. No. 352/2022

BETWEEN : Divya .J ...Petitioner

AND: Kiran Kumar .S ...Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To: Kiran Kumar .S S/o Sajan, Aged about 32 years, No.976, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Agrokiyamma Layout Venkateshpuram, Bengaluru-560 045.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition under section 7 of Guardian and Wards Act against the respondent for the custody of child and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before VI Additional Family Court, Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appearance **On the 2nd day of January 2024 at 11.00 A.M.** The petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on this 25.10.2023.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner : **Arun .J,** Advocate Yamuna Bai Street, Kumar Park, Madhava Nagara, Bengaluru-560001.

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

4th Floor, CCO Department, Local Head Office, St. Marks Road, Bangalore – 560001.

EMPANELMENT AND ENGAGEMENT OF TEV CONSULTANTS IN STATE BANK OF INDIA, BENGALURU CIRCLE

As per uniform guidelines, issued by our Corporate Centre, Mumbai, SBI, Bengaluru Circle invites applications for empanelment and engagement of External Consultants for conducting Techno Economic Viability (TEV) Study. The interested applicants shall submit the application form along with other relevant enclosures / documents till 16.12.2023 by 05:00 PM.

For detailed guidelines in respect of eligibility criteria, process of empanelment, indicative scope of work, etc, please visit "SBI in the News > Show More > Empanelment of Vendors" under Bank's official website https://bank.sbi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that the cover containing the Original Documents - Sale Deed dated 29.06.2017, vide Document No. RRN-1-01585-2017-18, CD No.RRND187 in Book I & Sale Deed dated 30.10.1996, vide Document No. 1627/1996-97, Volume 5782, Pages 1 to 4 of Book I of Site No.7, Sarakki Notified Area Khatha No.172/261, formed out of Converted Land Bearing Sy No. 207, which has been duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose, vide order No.B.DIS.ALN.S.R.(S)129/89-90, dated 20.12.1989, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. The above said property was earlier situated within the limits of (Pattanagere Nagarasabhe) Rajarajeshwari Nagarasabhe and presently now comes under the administration and jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwari Sub-Division, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the said property is presently known as Property No.7, (BBMP Khatha No.5665/5615/207/7), BBMP Katha Sl.No. 5665, Halagevaderahalli, Bangalore, in the Corresponding BBMP ward No.160-Rajarajeshwarinagar. Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, GPA dated 07.02.2000 executed by Smt. Deveeramma D/o B Venkataiah and Smt. Bhagyamma W/o K.V. Puttaswamy Gowda in favour of M. Yashoda D/o P. Mahadevshetty and other related documents got lost/ misplaced from his custody, all efforts to trace the above said documents went futile, hence I request the general public whosoever has/have got in possession and/or finder of the above said sale deed and other documents, may deliver the same to the address mentioned hereunder within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of receipt of this publication. The finder will be suitably rewarded.

YASHWANTH R, Advocate
Elite Legal Inc
No.425/1/21-2, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, BTS Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027.
Mobile: 9741933338 Dated: 16.11.2023

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BHADRA GENERATING STATION)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPCL invites bids in two covers through **"e" Procurement Portal (Website URL: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works: **1) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT125/ CALL-2 Date: 07.11.2023** Electrification of Rangamandira and its Dining hall and Toilet building at BHEP Colony. EMD: **Rs.19,200/-. 2) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_ INDENT132/CALL-4 Date: 07.11.2023** Supply and installation of forced oil Lubrication pumps of LB Unit, RBK#1 and top cover drain pump for RB1 Unit and RBK-1 Unit at BGS. EMD: **Rs.12,600/-. 3) KPCL/2023-24/PS/ WORK_INDENT633/ CALL-2 Date: 11.11.2023** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Two Nos. of Governor Oil Pumps for River Bed Unit 1 & 2 along with required pipeline modifications at BGS. EMD: **Rs.64,774/-. 4) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT665/CALL-2 Date: 11.11.2023** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Various Sizes Cooling water Valves at BGS. EMD: **Rs.33,925/-.** Last date for online submission of tenders: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **22.11.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3 & 4: **28.11.2023 upto 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (O&M)** Bhadra, KPCL, B.R. Project-577115, Bhadravathi-Tq., Shivamogga-Dist,

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 155/2023-24/KWA/PHC/D1/TVM

Jal Jeevan Mission-2022-23 - Pothencode Panchayath- Construction of floating pumping station,GLSR, Supply and Laying of DI& PVC pipes. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 9,759/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 28-11-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 04712322303

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-1618-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

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Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari

Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/2023-24/3305 Dated : 13-11-2023

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the work detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	PWD/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT4/CALL-2	69.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in KP_Procurement Portal.

1)Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal: **17-11-2023 upto 12.00 Hours** 2)Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal: **20-11-2023 upto 16.00 Hours.** 3)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **21-11-2023 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/433/KSMCA/2023-24

डी एन ए फ़िंगरप्रिंटिंग एवं निदान केन्द्र

(जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार का स्वायत्त संस्थान)
इनर रिंग रोड, उप्पल, हैदराबाद - 500039, तेलंगाना, भारत **दूरभाष :** +91-40-2721 6014 / 6091, **फैक्स :** +91-40-2721 6006, **वेबसाईट: http://www.cdfd.org.in**

CENTRE FOR DNA FINGERPRINTING AND DIAGNOSTICS

(An autonomous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India) Inner Ring Road, Uppal, Hyderabad-500039, Telangana, India **Tel:** +91-40-2721 6014 / 6091, **Fax:** +91-40-2721 6006, **Website: http://www.cdfd.org.in**

Advt. No. CDFD/EMPC/02/NOV'23

CDFD, an autonomous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, invites applications from Indian nationals for the following purely temporary vacancies in research projects funded by National / International agencies at CDFD like DST/DBT/ICMR/CSIR etc.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – I
SENIOR PROJECT ASSOCIATE
PROJECT ASSOCIATE – II
PROJECT ASSOCIATE – I
PROJECT – JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN
PROJECT ASSISTANT

Please refer CDFD website **www.cdfd.org.in** for detailed information regarding projects, position(s), emoluments etc., application format and general conditions. Interested candidates may register their names by applying in the prescribed application form online. Complete the application form online at **http://www.cdfd.org.in**.

The last date for receipt of the applications is 04.12.2023 and applications received after 04.12.2023 will be rejected.

HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD LIMITED

VISAKHAPATNAM - 530 005

(A Government of India Undertaking, Ministry of Defence)

[Eighty Three years of Service to the Nation]

REQUIRES

I. On Permanent Absorption Basis:

Sl	Name of the Post	Grade	No. of posts	Category
P1	Manager (Legal)	E3	01	UR-1
P2	Manager (Commercial)	E3	02	UR-2
P3	Manager(Technical)	E3	10	05-UR; 02-OBC; 03-SC
P4	Manager (IT & ERP)	E3	02	UR-2
P5	Deputy Manager (Finance)	E2	03	01-UR; 1-OBC; 1-SC

II. On Fixed Term Contract Basis:

Sl	Name of the Post	No. of posts	Category
F1	Chief Project Superintendent (Technical)	02	02-UR
F2	Project Superintendent (Technical)	02	01-UR; 01-EWS
F3	Dy. Project Officer (IT & ERP)	05	01-UR; 01-EWS; 02-OBC; 01-SC
F4	Dy. Project Officer (Plant Maintenance)	04	02-UR; 01-OBC; 01-ST
F5	Dy. Project Officer (Civil)	05	01-UR; 01-EWS; 01-OBC; 01-SC; 01-ST
F6	Dy. Project Officer (Technical)	23	11-UR; 03-EWS; 02-OBC; 04-SC; 03-ST
F7	Dy. Project Officer (HR/Training/Admin)	05	02-UR; 03-OBC
F8	Dy. Project Officer (Legal)	02	01-EWS; 01-OBC
F9	Dy. Project Officer (Delhi Office)	01	01-UR
F10	Dy. Project Officer (Submarine)	10	04-UR; 01-EWS; 02-OBC; 01-SC;02-ST
F11	Dy. Project Officer (Safety)	02	01-UR ; 01-OBC
F12	Dy. Project Officer (Security & Fire Serv.)	01	01-UR
F13	Medical Officer	05	01-EWS; 01-OBC; 02-SC; 01-ST
F14	Asst. Project Officer (Design)	06	02-UR; 02-OBC; 01-SC; 01-ST

III. Consultants on Fixed Term Contract & Part Time Basis:

Sl.	Name of the Post	No. of posts
C1	Senior Advisor (Submarine Project Management)	01
C2	Senior Consultant (SAP/ERP)	01
C3	Senior Consultant (Engineering)	02
C4	Senior Consultant (Vendor & Business Development) - Mumbai	01
C5	Senior Consultant (Indigenization & Business Development) - Visakhapatnam	01
C6	Senior Consultant (Technical) – Delhi Office	01
C7	Consultant (Legal)	01

The details are available in HSL Website: https://www.hslvizag.in

Click on "Careers" under "Human Resources" to view the openings available.

Advt. No. HR/ES (O)/0102/03/2023

Dated: 17 Nov 2023 **General Manager (HR) AC**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013

Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001

Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 9(1)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E&F)	(G)
Sl No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date of Auction and Time
1	Mr. Phadnis Parag Ratnakar (Borrower) and Mrs. Revati Parag Phadnis (Co-Borrower)	Loan Account No. 634460510 Rs.80,96,577/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) as on 30.04.2021 in	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site **No.128 Khatha No. 132/128**, in the layout **"CHANDRAKHANTHA INFINITY PHASE III"** formed out of land in **Sy.No 94/3** of Kumbaranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and also converted for non agricultural and residential purpose as per the orders of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Valid Order No. ALN:(A)(K)SR: 18/10-11 dated 29.09.2010, ALN.(A&K) SR 17/2010-11 dated 20.05.2011 & ALN. (A & K) SR 19/2010-11 dated 21.05.2011. the residential layout plan is approved by BMRDA through valid order no. APA/Lao/71/2010-11 dated 21.07.2011. And measuring as Follows East to West : 70 feet. North to South : 40 feet. **And Bounded as Follows East :** Road, **West :** Plot No.129, **North :** Road, **South :** Site No.127.	Physical Possession	Rs.85,56,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Only) ---------- Rs.8,55,600/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)	07.12.2023 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 25.11.2023 & 02.12.2023 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 25,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 05.12.2023 (Before 5.00 PM)
***together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 17.11.2023 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: BANGALORE **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Sohan Gonsalves (Borrower) Mrs. Anitha Anis Mary (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004651354	All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential Flat bearing Municipal New No.86/22, (Old No.SF-307), PID No.2-226-86/22, I measuring 1230.00 Square Feet of Super built up area, in the 2nd Floor of Apartment known as Gokula Dellington, Block No."A",Flat no 307 Situated at M.s. Ramaiah Road, BMP Old Ward No.2, BBMP Present Ward No.36, along with 541.35 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule property. The Apartment consists of Two bed rooms, a living and dining room, balconies, kitchen and Two bath room. The Residential unit is of RCC structures ceramic flooring, aluminum windows and wooden flush doors with electricity (Separate meter) and water connection, and Covered Car park in the basement of the building marked as A-54. East by : Divya M.S.R. Apartments, West by : ShiramSadhana Apartments, North by : Road, South by : Road,	Rs. 51,39, 075.40/- (as on November 07, 2023)	Rs. 76,61, 000/- Rs. 7,66,100/-	November 22, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	December 13, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited(URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 12, 2023** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **December 12, 2023** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/ 8008999536/ 7304918084.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: November 17, 2023 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.

CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 31.12.2022 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 31.03.2023 and MSGB, SME Suvarna & EMI due up to 30.09.2023 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 01.12.2023 from 10 am onwards.

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EDITORIAL

I didn't add one comma, semicolon or full stop to the Representation of the People Act. Whatever was said in the Act, I implemented

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— Ramnath Goenka

LAW AND AWARENESS ONLY WAYS TO KEEP PUBLIC SPACES CLEAN

INDIAN festivals add to a problem every year—a massive increase in the garbage dumped on roads, not just air pollution. Appeals from civic authorities, NGOs and political leaders to celebrate Deepavali in a hygienic manner have been ignored. Firecracker residues are left on roads and in public spaces, forming an extra layer of litter over the average of 1.5 lakh metric tonnes of garbage generated daily in urban India. This comes on top of the usual deposits of leftover food, cigarette butts, fast-food packaging, styrofoam, cans, empty bottles and other kinds of throwaway plastics; besides the signature habits of spitting and urinating in public spaces.

This is not surprising because littering public spaces seems to be an instinctive practice across India all through the year; festivals only worsen the situation. Littering is something we have found impossible to give up despite several national and regional campaigns. It is not that hygiene is alien to Indians, who are known to pay attention to personal hygiene—especially for keeping their own houses as spotless as possible. What transforms people when they step out in public appears to be a mystery refusing to be solved. Litter on roads is so common that it is considered normal. The 'broken windows syndrome' works for public spaces, wherein one notices garbage already on the road and assumes it to be perfectly normal to contribute to the heap. This is a major reason, alongside sheer laziness and carelessness, a lack of access to garbage receptacles, a challenging attitude towards the law and authorities and, most importantly, lenient law enforcement.

The main villains encouraging littering are a lack of public conscience and an overpowering indifference. We forget that litter adversely impacts health. Litter is often burnt on vacant sites by rag-pickers, not knowing that it can release toxic chemicals causing respiratory problems. Non-biodegradable waste clogs drains, leading to flooding. We seem to have forgotten the lessons learnt from the 1994 Surat plague that claimed 56 lives, caused after garbage was regularly dumped in drains and on streets, which the municipality found difficult to clear. Are we waiting for worse? This calls for aggressive awareness programmes and stringent laws involving severe penalties to deter people from littering. There is no other option.

BJP DILUTES DYNASTY CLAIM WITH K'TAKA PICK

THE appointment of B Y Vijayendra as the BJP state president in Karnataka has once again established the importance of B S Yediyurappa, his father and Lingayat strongman. With the Lok Sabha elections coming up, the BJP has brought in the 48-year-old leader and is reorganising its state unit. It was in some degree of disarray after the drubbing in the assembly elections as its leaders began crossing over to the Congress. The move gives Yediyurappa due importance and shores up the party's Lingayat base, which appeared to be eroding since the veteran was removed as chief minister in July 2021. This is the second such loss—it had suffered when Yediyurappa broke away in 2012 and formed the Karnataka Janata Party. The BJP, which had tried to look at communities beyond its principal Lingayat electorate, seems to have realised it cannot win an election without Yediyurappa's involvement. Vijayendra's anointment as inheritor only consolidates Yediyurappa's hold over the community.

By appointing his son to the top post, the BJP is hoping to energise its cadre and rebuild. Yet, it may have to contend with heartburn among some senior leaders who will have to reconcile to the fact that in the event the party forms the next government, Vijayendra could get the top post. The relatively young leader will have to tread diplomatically, especially with those senior leaders who are aligned with B L Santhosh, BJP's organisational general secretary.

But with his appointment, the BJP can no longer be too righteous in its criticism of dynastic politics and may have to tone down its attack on *'parivarvaad'* and the entitlement of 'princes'. While Vijayendra has earned his stripes by working on the ground and delivering the Sira and Krishnarajpete assembly seats to the BJP's kitty, his lineage will not be forgotten. Having joined forces with the Janata Dal (Secular)—another dynastic party—it hopes to take on a resurgent Congress in 2024. The party may have come to terms with the fact that family rule is in the country's political DNA, at least until the voter becomes more discerning. It remains to be seen whether the father-son duo can deliver the 25/28 result of the 2019 general elections. The party, which is yet to win the state assembly with a full majority, can hope that the lotus will bloom again without having to orchestrate an Operation Lotus.

QUICK TAKE

CAG AUDITS NEED DEBATE

A few reports from the auditor general pointing to governance lapses in the UPA2 era gave an unshakeable girth to the bogey of corruption. Cut to 2023: the statutory auditor has again asked serious questions of the central and state governments' performance and bookkeeping. But where is the uproar over discrepancies in the Ayushman Bharat scheme, tardiness in railways' track renewal work, massive scholarship scams in Odisha and Maharashtra, or the misuse of funds in transport projects? The number of audits itself has shrunk. President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday asked that auditors be considered as facilitators of good governance, not critics. The country should follow in the spirit.

The Centre claimed electoral bonds would bring in transparency. But they are tools for the wealthy to hijack democracy. Public funding could be a way out

ELECTORAL BONDS GO AGAINST POLITICAL EQUALITY

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COULD the unlimited, unregulated and anonymous funding of political parties by big corporates be legalised? Could the inherent capacity of the ruling party at the Centre or in the states to get a major share of it be legitimised by law? An ordinary citizen may not readily agree to such a course. Yet, this was done by way of the electoral bond system (EBS) in India, introduced as a money bill during the budget session in 2017-18. It was implemented after rejecting the objections from the Reserve Bank of India and the Election Commission. To facilitate corporate funding for political parties, five major statutes were amended: the Reserve Bank of India Act, Representation of the People Act, Income Tax Act, Companies Act, and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.

In *Union of India v. Association for Democratic Reforms* (2002), the Supreme Court said that the details of candidates, including her assets, educational qualifications and criminal antecedents, if any, should be made known to voters. If the right to know these individual details is recognised by our legal system, there is no reason for political parties and corporates which fund them to get protection from the public gaze. An informed citizenry forms the foundation for an electoral democracy.

The challenge against the EBS was heard by a constitution bench of the Supreme Court recently and the case was reserved for judgement. The Centre justified the EBS by contending that it will bring in transparency and accountability, adding that voters do not have a fundamental right to know everything about electoral donations. It justified the present system by relying on the principles of confidentiality and privacy.

An electoral bond is a bearer instrument. It can be purchased from notified branches of the State Bank of India. If one wants to anonymously contribute money to political parties in India, he or she could do so through these bonds. The details of the donor and donee or the amount transacted will not be disclosed to the public. As expected, a major chunk of the donors comprises corporates.

Elections in India have become a big business and the voter is reduced to a tool in the hands of capitalists. In 2019, for the Lok Sabha poll, about ₹60,000 crore was spent—the highest in the whole world. The Association for Democratic Reforms in its report says that 24,012 electoral bonds with a value of over ₹13,791 crore were sold between March 2018 and July 2023. The BJP got ₹5,272 crore from these bonds while all other national parties together obtained about ₹1,784 crore between 2016-17 and 2021-22. The Congress received ₹952 crore during this period. While the BJP got 57 percent of the total value of the bonds, the Congress got 10 percent.

In the realm of political funding, the earlier cash and carry system and under-the-table donations clearly lacked transparency and accountability. The erstwhile legal requirement to declare the identity of donors who pay more than ₹20,000 to political parties was flouted more often, and the big money was transferred unlawfully. The EBS was supposed to replace this "suitcase culture". In effect, however, it so happened that electoral bonds were not in lieu of, but in addition to, transfers by cash.

Let us ask some fundamental questions. When huge donations are made by corporates, what are the checks against the policies and laws being framed to suit the interests of such corporates but not public interests? How can people know about the nature of the nexus between political parties and corporates? When details of political parties and their sponsors for the election with hidden agendas are not made known to the voters, will the system be transparent? When the government and the State Bank of India alone know the details of the contributions—not even the opposition parties or the public—how do we check the possible victimisation of those who chose to donate to the opposition at the Centre or states? When tax evasion and money laundering are legitimised by way of electoral bonds, what will the plight of the country's rule of law be?

B R Ambedkar had a sense of optimism when he said that in India, we shall have one person-one vote and thereby, political equality. He was sceptical about social and economic equality. But economic inequality impacts political equality in multiple and subtle ways. 'Winnability' is the basis of corporate funding. But corporate funding often determines winnability as well. Poorer parties or independents cannot compete with richer parties, and this essentially sabotages the essence of representative democracy and dilutes the idea of one person-one vote.

To save democracy from the clutches of the super rich, we should resort to public funding of election campaigns and expenses. International IDEA, an intergovernmental organisation which advocates for democracy across the globe, found that out of the 175 countries surveyed, in 60 there is regular public funding for political parties. In 51 countries there is such funding "regularly as well as in relation to electoral campaigns". In 13 other countries, public funding is limited to campaigns only. Only in 47 countries there is no practice of public funding at all, and India is one among them.

Though successive governments have done everything to discredit the idea of socialism in the preamble to the Constitution, it remains a formidable and effective tool to assert political equality, a basic feature of the Constitution. Legitimising electoral bonds, which enable corporations to hijack the country's democracy, is antithetical to the constitutional value of socialism. Socialism, as a notion, is manifest in different ways in the equality clauses under Part III and the directive principles under Part IV of the Constitution. The EBS is very often corruption and black money in disguise and on many occasions is also legalised *quid pro quo*. Therefore, electoral bonds pose not merely the legal questions about informational rights and parliamentary procedures, but also the fundamental question of political equality.

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MARATHA RESERVATION AS A TOOL FOR MOBILISATION

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THE issue of Maratha and OBC reservation has given a new shape to the public life of Maharashtra. The state's public and policy makers are going through a number of dilemmas. Which identity to accept? Which of the principles of vote bank and social justice should be adopted? Who is the enemy and who is the friend of reservation? These questions have changed the discourse in society and politics—it is a story of how one has influenced the other over the decades.

The basic issue behind reservation is economics. However, the issue of identity continues to be debated. There is a controversy over the issue of identity even within the Maratha-Kunbi community. At the same time, the conflict between the Maratha and OBC communities has intensified. The two communities are divided into various sub-groups in rural areas. Their economic and political aspirations have risen and their internal competition has increased. As a result, their communities have become divided and sub-groups have gone against each other.

Several communities are claiming the backward or most backward identities. The Maratha community has claimed backwardness. Along with the Marathas, some upper castes and Muslims have also claimed backward identity. Some groups within the OBC bloc—Dhangar, Bhoi and Bhandari—claim to be most backward. Compared to the 1950s and 60s, when they didn't lay such claims, the state's economy has progressed; yet claims of backwardness have increased. This process underpins a political and social contradiction.

Since the 1990s, there has been an attempt to make the distribution of power in Maharashtra almost equal between the Marathas and the OBCs. Provisions were also made in the field of education. In the later 1990s, the Marathas were polarised into four or five groups. Conflicts over reservation started arising between poor Marathas and rich Marathas, Marathas and Kunbis, Marathas and OBCs, Marathas and upper castes. Also, during this period, a power struggle started over the distribution of seats in the state cabinet. The two factors—political and social—got interlinked, resulting in more complications.

Unrequited economic and political aspirations led to a sense of isolation among these communities—they felt left out. The sense of isolation went against the Marathas themselves. The established Marathas were able to get better education, but not so the poor Marathas. As the social differences grew, the poorer Marathas got more isolated. As a result, the poor Marathas turned against the established Maratha elite.

Vote bank politics and reservation go hand in hand. The Maratha and OBC vote banks are major political turfs to be fought over. The Hindutva parties and organisations have tried to organise the Marathas in competition to the OBCs. The formula has been in play in various forms over the last seventy years; today, they seem more effective. Saffron outfits publicly say that Marathas should get reservation; but more than actually giving them reservation, their main objective seems to be to polarise them into binaries—Marathas and OBCs, Marathas and scheduled castes, Marathas and progressive organisations.

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> Reservation is no longer a social justice issue in Maharashtra. Parties have used the faultlines between Marathas and OBCs or between poorer and elite Marathas for political gain over decades

Political parties have for long given tactical support on the issue. Shashikant Pawar, Annasaheb Patil (Vidarbha) and Vinayak Mete aggressively demanded Maratha reservation. Saffron outfits maintained strategically friendly relations with them. In 1995, Shiv Sena even took Vinayak Mete to the legislative council. But from Shashikant Pawar to today, the groups claiming reservation know that the Maratha elite do not support the Kunbi identity. But they have used the reservation issue as political currency and kept the issue on the boil to organise young Maratha boys.

Reservation can also be used to change the political narrative from parties and leaders. For example, a narrative was created not long ago about a Sharad Pawar-Uddhav Thackeray tussle. Surveys show that people were responding to this narrative. Due to this, efforts were made to change the narrative to one of Marathas vs OBCs. The effort did change the political discourse. In the earlier narrative, Sharad Pawar was seen as a Maratha strongman; the more recent Maratha vs OBC narrative attempts to take some sheen off that image.

Slogans about enemies of Maratha reservation and friends of Maratha reservation have been aired since the 1990s. From the 1980s to the 1990s, Congress leaders would rarely go on the dais with Maratha organisations. An extreme meaning was derived from this, painting the Congress as an enemy of Maratha reservation.

This was an evolution in perception. In the 1960s, the Congress had the support of all communities in Maharashtra. Maratha groups had a similar support, but the caste leadership did not talk about it as a vote bank or in terms of Maratha strongmen. Maratha leaders—Yashwantrao Chavan, Vasantdada Patil, Sharad Pawar, Shankarrao Chavan and Vilasrao Deshmukh—have all led the state. But Sharad Pawar was painted as the strongman, though he led large groups of Marathi-speaking people including OBCs, Brahmins and urban voters, and not just caste Marathas. This issue was made into a controversy by saffron outfits with the help of Maratha organisations.

Enemies of Maratha reservation is a concept, a false consciousness. Sharad Pawar and Prithviraj Chavan defined this false consciousness as an ideology and then revised their images. But now this false consciousness is reshaping politics. Sharad Pawar later tried to control it to some extent but did not succeed.

As the Hindutva parties know, this awareness is an important weapon. Therefore, they are trying to prevent this identity politics from dissipating. It shows that reservation today is not understood as a social justice issue; it is mainly a tool for political mobilisation.

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Swarnamala Sirsi, email

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S Vignesh, Pollachi

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Jacob Chacko, Kottayam

Titular heads

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Ramalingeswara Rao, email

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D P Dimri, Dehradun

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